

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DACOITY IN BANKS

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of incidents of dacoity and looting in banks and other financial institutions controlled by the Government in each State and Union territory of the country during the last three years and the current year till date ;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any effective steps to stop dacoity and looting incidents in banks and financial institutions; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a): The State-wise number of incidents of dacoity and amount involved therein as reported by banks to RBI during the Calendar years 2004, 2005, 2006 and upto June 2007 are given in Annex.

(b) & (c): The security arrangements at bank branches are primarily the responsibility of each bank. The security measures implemented by public sector banks are reviewed in State level security committee meetings convened periodically by RBI. The meetings are required to be attended by the bankers and State Govt. officials including Senior Police officials. The Committee takes stock of the security environment in the State and requisite instructions are given to the banks. Indian Banks Association has issued detailed guidelines in the form of a report called "Report of the working group to review security arrangements in banks". The report provides measures for assessing the risk faced by a branch and thereby determining the number of security guards required for guarding it. Banks have classified their branches depending on the risk factors involved and posted armed guards and installed anti-burglary/robbery devices etc. wherever necessary. Apart from other security equipment, alarm systems, Time lock devices and CC TV system have also been provided towards security arrangements at the branches.